

REMARKS

Claims 2, 11-17, and 19 through 22 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 11 through 17, and 19 through 22 were allowed by the Examiner in the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, "the Office Action". Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer by moving the definitions of the rigid planar member material of fabrication found in Claim 12 to Claim 11 and that found in Claim 11 to Claim 12. As the claim amendments are fully supported in the application as originally filed, no new subject matter has been added.

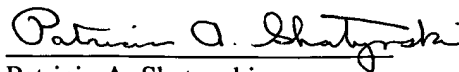
The amendments made to Claim 11 and 12 were made to ensure that the definition found in dependent Claim 11 is of a more narrow scope than that of the definition recited in independent Claim 11. This is to place the claims in a form that is consistent with current claim drafting procedure. The proposed amendments were presented and discussed with the Examiner in a telephonic interview conducted on March 10, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the proposed amendments to Claims 11 and 12 as well as the cancellation of Claim 2 are satisfactory and once entered would obviate the Examiner's previous objections regarding Claims 12-17 outlined in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections of Claims 12-17, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 11 through 17, and 19 through 22 are earnestly solicited. No additional fees are believed to be due for this Amendment. However, if additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to deduct the same from Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this Amendment, he is request to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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